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SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON THE FALL OF CAMBODIA

1. FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC FELL ON APRIL 17. AT 12:30 P.M. ON THE SAME DAY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS ISSUED BY RON NESSEN IN THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT.

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES VIEWS THE FALL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC WITH SADNESS AND COMPASSION. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY ADMIRATION FOR THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND PEOPLE, WHO SHOWED GREAT COURAGE UNTIL THE END, AND TO THEIR ARMED FORCES WHO FOUGHT VALIANTLY WITH THEIR REMAINING SUPPLIES. END QUOTE

2. IF QUESTION SHOULD BE ASKED RE RECOGNITION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA BY THE USG, ANSWER SHOULD BE THAT IT IS PREMATURE FOR US TO ADDRESS THAT QUESTION. KISSINGER
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